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Dr. Ladley Husted
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Dear Dr. Husted:

This is in reply to your enquiry of October 15, concerning Branch Howe. Howe is showing excellent promise in his scholastic and research work, but is expected to complete his studies here in 1954. If your department's appointment is still vacant for 1954, I will be very happy to give you a fuller appraisal of him.

I cannot think of any other student in the department who is ready to leave next year, and who qualifies in genetics, microbiology and plant anatomy, all at once. I will ask at our Botany Department, where there might be someone.

The combination of disciplines you are asking for recalls the program at the Osborn Botanical Laboratory, where I studied for the Doctorate at Yale University. If you have not already done so, it might be productive to write to Dr. D. M. Benner or P. R. Burkholder.

Yours sincerely,

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